

## Employment and Training Administration, Labor

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visas and enforcement provisions relating thereto.

(d) *Subparts H and I of this part.* Subparts H and I of this part set forth the process by which employers can file with, and the requirements for obtaining approval from, the Department of Labor of labor condition applications necessary for the purpose of petitioning INS for H-1B visas for aliens to be employed in specialty occupations or as fashion models of distinguished merit and ability, and the enforcement provisions relating thereto.

(e) *Subparts J and K of this part.* Subparts J and K of this part set forth the process by which employers can file attestations with the Department of Labor for the purpose of employing nonimmigrant alien students on F-visas in off-campus employment and enforcement provisions relating thereto.

[43 FR 10312, Mar. 10, 1978, as amended at 52 FR 20507, June 1, 1987; 55 FR 50510, Dec. 6, 1990; 56 FR 24667, May 30, 1991; 56 FR 54738, Oct. 22, 1991; 56 FR 56875, Nov. 6, 1991; 57 FR 1337, Jan. 13, 1992; 57 FR 40989, Sept. 8, 1992]

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### § 655.0 Scope and purpose of part.

(a) \* \* \*

(4) *Subpart B; Delegation From Immigration and Naturalization Service.* Subpart B also contains the authority from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization for the Secretary to consider H-2A petitions and revocations under criteria set out in 8 CFR 214.2(h) of the Immigration and Naturalization Service's regulations.

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### § 655.00 Authority of the Regional Administrator under subparts A, B, and C.

Pursuant to the regulations under this part, temporary labor certification determinations under subparts A, B, and C of this part are ordinarily made by the Regional Administrator of an Employment and Training Administration region. The Director, however, may direct that certain types of appli-

cations or certain applications shall be handled by, and the determinations made by, the United States Employment Service (USES) in Washington, DC. In those cases the Regional Administrator will informally advise the employer or agent of the name of the official who will make determinations with respect to the application.

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### § 655.00 Authority of the Regional Administrator under subparts A, B, and C.

\* \* \* The Director, however, may direct that certain applications, types of applications, H-2A petitions, or H-2A petition revocations shall be handled by, and the determinations made by, the United States Employment Service (USES) in Washington, DC. \* \* \*

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## Subpart A—Labor Certification Process for Temporary Employment in Occupations Other Than Agriculture, Logging, or Registered Nursing in the United States (H-2B Workers)

### § 655.1 Scope and purpose of subpart A.

This subpart sets forth the procedures governing the labor certification process for the temporary employment of nonimmigrant aliens in the United States in occupations other than agriculture, logging, or registered nursing.

[55 FR 50510, Dec. 6, 1990]

### § 655.2 Applications.

Application forms for certification of temporary employment of nonimmigrant aliens may be obtained from and should be filed in duplicate

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with the local office of the State employment service serving the area of proposed employment.

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### § 655.3 Determinations.

(a) When received, applications for certification shall be forwarded by the local office of the State employment service to the appropriate Regional Administrator, Employment and Training Administration, who will issue them if he or she finds that qualified persons in the United States are not available and that the terms of employment will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of workers in the United States similarly employed.

(b) In making this finding, such matter as the employer's attempts to recruit workers and the appropriateness of the wages and working conditions offered, will be considered. The policies of the United States Employment Service set forth in part 652 of this chapter and subparts B and C of this part shall be followed in making the findings.

(c) In any case in which the Regional Administrator, Employment and Training Administration, determines after examination of all the pertinent facts before him or her that certification should not be issued, he or she shall promptly so notify the employer requesting the certification. Such notification shall contain a statement of the reasons on which the refusal to issue a certification is based.

(d) The certification or notice of denial thereof is to be used by the employer to support its visa petition, filed with the District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

[33 FR 7570, May 22, 1968, as amended at 43 FR 10311, Mar. 10, 1978. Redesignated and amended at 55 FR 50510, Dec. 6, 1990]

### § 655.4 Territory of Guam.

Subpart A of this part does not apply to temporary employment in the Territory of Guam, and the Department of Labor does not certify to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)

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the temporary employment of non-immigrant aliens under H-2B visas in the Territory of Guam. Pursuant to INS regulations, that function is performed by the Governor of Guam, or the Governor's designated representative within the Territorial Government.

[56 FR 56875, Nov. 6, 1991]

### Subpart B—Labor Certification Process for Temporary Agricultural Employment in the United States (H-2A Workers)

SOURCE: 52 FR 20507, June 1, 1987, unless otherwise noted.

### § 655.90 Scope and purpose of subpart B.

(a) *General.* This subpart sets out the procedures established by the Secretary of Labor to acquire information sufficient to make factual determinations of: (1) Whether there are sufficient able, willing, and qualified U.S. workers available to perform the temporary and seasonal agricultural employment for which an employer desires to import nonimmigrant foreign workers (H-2A workers); and (2) whether the employment of H-2A workers will adversely effect the wages and working conditions of workers in the U.S. similarly employed. Under the authority of the INA, the Secretary of Labor has promulgated the regulations in this subpart. This subpart sets forth the requirements and procedures applicable to requests for certification by employers seeking the services of temporary foreign workers in agriculture. This subpart provides the Secretary's methodology for the two-fold determination of availability of domestic workers and of any adverse effect which would be occasioned by the use of foreign workers, for particular temporary and seasonal agricultural jobs in the United States.

(b) *The statutory standard.* (1) A petitioner for H-2A workers must apply to the Secretary of Labor for a certification that, as stated in the INA:

(A) There are not sufficient workers who are able, willing, and qualified, and who will be available at the time and place needed, to